

Perfect Codes For Join Zero Divisor Graphs Of A Ring Z_n

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Abstract

In this paper, we construct the perfect codes for a star zero divisor graphs of a ring Z_n , when $n = 2p$, $p > 2$ prime and join zero divisor graphs of rings Z_n and Z_m when $n = 2p$ and $m = p^2$, $p > 2$ prime. Using these we find codewords and minimum Hamming distance of the code.

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I. Intorduction

Richard Hamming and Marcel Golay introduced the concept of perfect codes in 1940[1], Hamming developing the binary Hamming code in 1950[23]. These codes are fundamental to the theory of error-correcting codes

N. Biggs is credited with initiating the study of perfect codes in graphs in 1973[2], extending the concept from coding theory to distance-transitive graphs, while J. Kratochvíl further developed the theory by introducing t-perfect codes in general graphs in the late 1980s. Michel Mollard, studied On perfect codes in Cartesian products of graphs in 2011[3]. Rongquan Feng, He Huang and Sanming Zhou, studied Perfect codes in circulant graphs in 2017[4].

In abstract algebra, the theory of rings has its origin in the early 19th century when the commutative and non-commutative rings are being explored. A ring is one of the fundamental algebraic structures consisting of a set with two binary operations which are addition and multiplication [5].

In 1988, the zero-divisor graph was first introduced by Beck. Beck introduced idea of presenting zero-divisor graph of a commutative ring R in 1988[5]. Anderson and Livingston [1] introduced and studied the subgraph $\Gamma(R)$ (of $G(R)$) whose vertices are the non-zero zero-divisors of R and the authors studied the interplay between the ring-theoretic properties of a commutative ring and the graph theoretic properties of its zero-divisor graph. Let $Z^*(R) = Z(R) \setminus (0)$, be the set of non-zero zero-divisors of R . The zero-divisor graph of R , denoted by $\Gamma(R)$, is a simple undirected graph with all non-zero zero-divisors as vertices and two distinct vertices $x, y \in Z^*(R)$ are adjacent if and only if $xy = 0$. Thus $\Gamma(R)$ is the null graph if and only if R is an integral domain. Lu Dancheng and Wu Tongsuob studied, On bipartite zero-divisor graphs in 2009[6]. Nurhidayah Zaid, studied, the perfect codes of commuting zero divisor graph of some matrices of dimension two in 2021[7] J. Phys.

D. F. Anderson and Philip S. Livingston are credited with introducing the defined term and concept of the "join graph zero divisor graph" or the standardized zero-divisor graph in graph theory, based on the work of Irving Beck. Beck originally introduced a zero-divisor graph in 1990[8], and Anderson and Livingston later modified and standardized its definition in 1999[9] for commutative rings.

II. Preliminaries

Graph theory related definitions:

- Let Z_n be the ring of integers modulo n . The zero-divisor graph of Z_n , denoted by $\Gamma(Z_n)$, is the graph with vertex set $V(\Gamma(Z_n))$ and for distinct vertices a and b are adjacent if and only if $a.b = 0 \pmod{n}$. Clearly, $\Gamma(Z_n)$ is the null graph if and only if Z_n is an integral domain.
- A star graph is a graph with a single central vertex connected to all other vertices, which are called leaves. If a star graph has n vertices, one vertex has a degree of $n-1$ (the central vertex), and the other $n-1$ vertices each have a degree of 1. It is denoted by $K_{1,n}$

- The join of two graphs G_1 and G_2 with disjoint vertex sets is a new graph formed by taking the union of G_1 and G_2 and adding an edge between every vertex of G_1 to every vertex of G_2 .
i.e, $V(G_1)$ and $V(G_2)$ are the vertex sets and $E(G_1)$ and $E(G_2)$ are the edge sets, then the join graph G_1+G_2 has:
Vertex set: $V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$ and edge set: $E(G_1) \cup E(G_2) \cup \{uv \mid u \in V(G_1), v \in V(G_2)\}$

Coding theory related definitions:

- The **weight w of a code word** is the number of 1s in the word. The "**distance of a code**" refers to its minimum distance, which is the smallest Hamming distance between any two distinct codewords in the code.
- **Hamming bound:** If C is a code of length n and distance $d = 2t + 1$ or $d = 2t + 2$, then

$$|C| \leq \frac{2^n}{\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{t}}$$

The Hamming bound is upper bound for the number of words in a code of length n and distance $d=2t+1$.

Note that $t = \lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor$, a code of distance d will correct all error patterns of weight less than or equal to $\lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor$. Such a code correct all error patterns of weight less than or equal to t .

- A code C of length n and odd distance $d = 2t + 1$ is called a **perfect code**, if C attains the Hamming bound.

$$\text{i.e, } |C| = \frac{2^n}{\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{t}}$$

- An **Error-Correcting Code (ECC)**, is a method of encoding data in a way that allows for the detection and correction of errors that may occur during data transmission or storage
- A **perfect t -correcting code** in coding theory is an error-correcting code that achieves the Hamming bound
- A perfect code which corrects all error patterns of weight less than or equal to $t = \lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor$, then we say that t is a **perfect t - error correcting code**.

III. Main Section

From [1], if $0 \leq t \leq n$ and if v is a word of length n , then the no. of words of length n of distance at most t from v is precisely $\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{t}$

Let t and n are integers, $0 \leq t \leq n$, then the symbol $\binom{n}{t} = \frac{n!}{t!(n-t)!}$

An unordered collection of t objects can be chosen from a set n objects.

Thus $\binom{n}{t}$ is the number of words of length n and weight t .

Since there are 2^n words of length n , if $t = n$

$$\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{t} = 2^n$$

Let $t = 0$, then $\binom{n}{0} = 1 = 2^0$, so $|C| = \frac{2^n}{\binom{n}{0}} = 2^n$. The only code with 2^n codewords of length n in $C = K^n$, K^n is a perfect code.

Theorem 3.1: If the length of the code C is n and of odd distance $d = n$, then C is a perfect code,

Proof: Let a code C of length n and distance $d = 2t + 1 = n$

From Definition, $|C| = \frac{2^n}{\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{t}}$. C is a perfect code ■.

If C be a perfect code of length n and distance $d = 2t + 1$, then C will correct all error patterns of weight less than or equal to t and no other error patterns.

Let C is a perfect code of length n and distance $d = 2t + 1$, each of the 2^n words on K^n lies within distance t of exactly one codeword. If enable to count the no. of codewords of minimum non-zero weight in a perfect code.

For every prime, the star graph $\Gamma(Z_p)$ does not exist. Since Z_p has no zero divisors.

Theorem 3.2: The code C of a zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_{2p})$ is star graph and forms a perfect code, if $p > 2$, prime.

Proof: Let Z_n be the ring of integers modulo n and $\Gamma(Z_n)$ is the non-zero zero-divisor graph of Z_n , when $n = 2p$, $p > 2$, prime number.

Let the graph $\Gamma(Z_n)$ be star graph, when the order of non-zero zero divisors is odd and when $n = 2p$, $p > 2$.

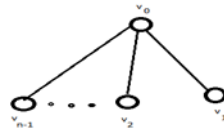
By the definition of Zero divisor graph, if u and v be in $V(\Gamma(Z_n))$, then $u.v \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$

The order of the graph $\Gamma(Z_n) = n - \phi(n) - 1 = m$

The vertex set is defined as $V(\Gamma(Z_{2p})) = \{u, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{p-1}\}$.

The edge set is defined as $\{uv_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq p-1 \text{ and } uv_i \equiv 0 \pmod{n}\}$, every vertex is connected only to the central vertex u .

Therefore, $|V(\Gamma(Z_{2p}))| = m$ and $|E(\Gamma(Z_{2p}))| = m - 1$



Star graph $K_{1,n}$

From the star graph $\Gamma(Z_{2^m})$, a code of length n , $d=2t+1$ and $t = \lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor$

$$|C| = \frac{2^m}{\binom{m}{0} + \binom{m}{1} + \dots + \binom{m}{t}} = \text{power of } 2$$

Therefore, C is a perfect code ■.

We consider Perfect code C for Z_6

Example 3.3: A zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_{2(3)}) = \Gamma(Z_6)$ is a star graph and forms a perfect code.

We know that

$$Z_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

The no. of non-zero zero divisors of $Z_n = n - \phi(n) - 1$

Here $\phi(n)$ = positive integer less than n and relatively prime to n .

$$= n \prod_{p|n} (1 - 1/p)$$

$p|n$

$$\phi(6) = 6(1-1/2)(1-1/3) = 2$$

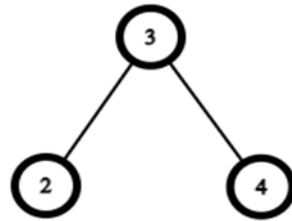
The no. of zero divisors of $Z_6 = 6 - 2 - 1 = 3$, odd

The set of non-zero zero divisors of Z_9 is $V(\Gamma(Z_6)) = \{2, 3, 4\}$.

The set of edges of $\Gamma(Z_6)$ is $E(\Gamma(Z_6)) = \{(2, 3), (3, 4)\}$

Therefore, $|V(\Gamma(Z_6))| = 3$ and $|E(\Gamma(Z_6))| = 2$

A zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_6)$ is a star graph $K_{1,2}$



Star graph $\Gamma(Z_6)$, Fig 4.1.1

From the graph, the code length is 3 and $d = 2t+1$ odd distance; $t = \lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor = 3-1/2 = 1$

$$|C| = \frac{2^3}{\binom{3}{0} + \binom{3}{1}} = \frac{2^3}{1+3} = \frac{2^3}{4} = 2^1, \text{ is perfect code.}$$

This code has minimum Hamming distance 3.

Since $3 = 2(1)+1$, this code can correct $t = 1$ bit error

Therefore, there are $2^3 = 8$ possible codewords, then $C = \{000, 100, 010, 001, 110, 101, 011, 111\}$, which is a perfect code.

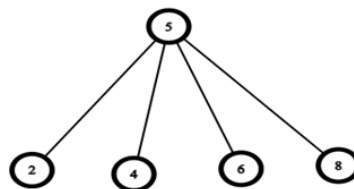
Example 3.4: Consider a star graph $\Gamma(Z_{2(5)}) = \Gamma(Z_{10})$, which forms a perfect code.

The no. of non-zero zero divisors of $Z_{10} = 10 - 4 - 1 = 5$, odd

The set of non-zero zero divisors of Z_{10} is $V(\Gamma(Z_{10})) = \{2, 4, 5, 6, 8\}$.

The set of edges of $\Gamma(Z_{10})$ is $E(\Gamma(Z_{10})) = \{(2, 5), (4, 5), (6, 5), (8, 5)\}$

Therefore, $|V(\Gamma(Z_{10}))| = 5$ and $|E(\Gamma(Z_{10}))| = 4$



Star graph $\Gamma(Z_{10})$, 4.1.2

From the graph, the code length is 5 and $d = 2t+1$, odd distance; $t = [(d-1)/2] = 4/2 = 2$

$|C| = \frac{2^5}{\binom{5}{0} + \binom{5}{1} + \binom{5}{2}} = \frac{2^5}{1+5+10} = \frac{2^5}{16} = 2^1$, is a perfect code.

This code has minimum Hamming distance 5.

Since $5 = 2(2)+1$, this code can correct $t = 2$ bit errors

Therefore, there are $2^5 = 32$ possible codewords, $C = \{00000, 10000, 01000, 001000, \dots, 11111\}$, is a perfect code.

Example 3.4: Consider a star graph $\Gamma(Z_{2(7)}) = \Gamma(Z_{14})$, which forms a perfect code.

The no. of non-zero zero divisors of $Z_{14} = 14 - 6 - 1 = 7$, odd

Therefore, $|V(\Gamma(Z_{14}))| = 7$ and $|E(\Gamma(Z_{14}))| = 6$

Star graph $\Gamma(Z_{14})$, Fig 4.1.3

From the graph, the code length is 7 and $d = 2t+1$, odd distance; $t = [(7-1)/2] = 3$

$|C| = \frac{2^7}{\binom{7}{0} + \binom{7}{1} + \binom{7}{2} + \binom{7}{3}} = \frac{2^7}{1+7+21+35} = \frac{2^7}{64} = 2^1$, is a perfect code.

This code has minimum Hamming distance 7.

Since $7 = 2(3)+1$, this code can correct $t = 3$ bit errors.

Therefore, there are $2^7 = 128$ possible codewords, $C = \{0000000, 1000000, 0100000, 00100000, \dots, 1111111\}$, is a perfect code.

$\Gamma(Z_{2p})$, is star graph and it forms a perfect code, when $p > 2$.

Construction of perfect codes for join zero divisor graphs of a ring Z_n :

The join of two graphs G_1 and G_2 with disjoint vertex sets is a new graph formed by taking the union of G_1 and G_2 and adding an edge between every vertex of G_1 to every vertex of G_2 .

i.e., $V(G_1)$ and $V(G_2)$ are the vertex sets and $E(G_1)$ and $E(G_2)$ are the edge sets, then the join graph G_1+G_2 has:

Vertex set: $V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$ and edge set: $E(G_1) \cup E(G_2) \cup \{uv \mid u \in V(G_1), v \in V(G_2)\}$

The code C of the join of zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_4)$ does not form a perfect code, if $p = 2$, prime.

(The order of the graph $|\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_4)|$ is even number of vertices, C does not form a Perfect code).

Theorem 3.5: The code C of the join of zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9)$ is a perfect code, if $p > 2$, prime

Proof: Let the graph $G = \Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9)$

The order of the graph $|\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9)|$ is odd number of vertices.

We know that $V(\Gamma(Z_{2p})) = \{2, 4, \dots, 2(p-1), p\} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-1}\}$ and $V(\Gamma(Z_9)) = \{3, 6\} = \{v_1, v_2\}$.

Now, the vertex set is defined as $V(G) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-1}, v_1, v_2\}$

The edge set of $E(G) = \{u_0u_i; 1 \leq i \leq p-1\} \cup \{u_iv_j; 0 \leq i \leq p-1, j = 1, 2\} \cup \{v_1v_2\}$

Therefore, $|V((\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9))| = p+1$ and $|E((\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9))| = 3p$

From Theorem, 4.1.1, C is a Perfect code.

Example 3.6: Consider a join zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_{2(3)}) + \Gamma(Z_9)$

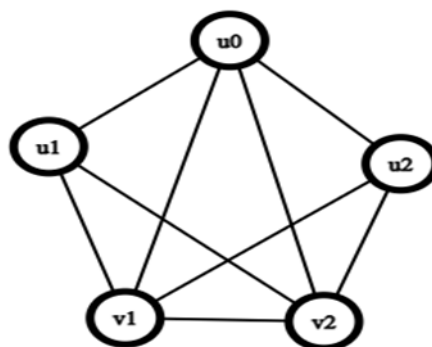
Vertex set of $\Gamma(Z_6)$ be $\{u_0, u_1, u_2\}$ and edge set of $\Gamma(Z_9)$ be $\{v_1, v_2\}$

Now, the vertex set is defined as $V(\Gamma(Z_6) + \Gamma(Z_9)) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2\}$

The edge set of $E(\Gamma(Z_6) + \Gamma(Z_9)) = \{u_0u_1, u_0u_2\} \cup \{u_0v_1, u_0v_2, u_1v_2, u_2v_1\} \cup \{v_1v_2\}$

Therefore, $|V((\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9))| = 5$ and $|E((\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9))| = 9$

The join zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_6) + \Gamma(Z_9)$ is



Join graph $\Gamma(Z_6) + \Gamma(Z_9)$, Fig 4.1.4

From the graph, the code length is 5 and $d = 2t+1$, odd distance; $t = [(d-1)/2] = 4/2 = 2$

$|C| = \frac{2^5}{\binom{5}{0} + \binom{5}{1} + \binom{5}{2}} = \frac{2^5}{1+5+10} = \frac{2^5}{16} = 2^1$, is a perfect code.

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Example 3.7: Consider a join zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_{10}) + \Gamma(Z_9)$

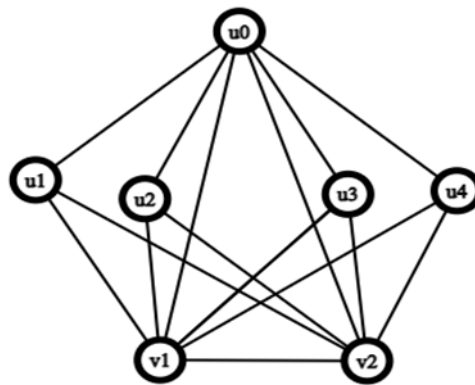
Vertex set of $\Gamma(Z_{10})$ be $\{u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ and edge set of $\Gamma(Z_9)$ be $\{v_1, v_2\}$

Now, the vertex set is defined as $V(\Gamma(Z_{10}) + \Gamma(Z_9)) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, v_1, v_2\}$

The edge set of $E(\Gamma(Z_{10}) + \Gamma(Z_9)) = \{u_0u_1, u_0u_2, u_0u_3, u_0u_4\} \cup \{u_0v_1, u_0v_2, u_1v_1, u_1v_2, u_2v_1, u_2v_2, u_3v_1, u_3v_2, u_4v_1, u_4v_2\} \cup \{v_1v_2\}$

Therefore, $|V(\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9))| = 7$ and $|E(\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_9))| = 15$

The join zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_{10}) + \Gamma(Z_9)$ is



Join graph $\Gamma(Z_{10}) + \Gamma(Z_9)$, Fig 4.1.5

From the graph, the code length is 7 and $d = 2t+1$, odd distance; $t = [(7-1)/2] = 3$

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Theorem 3.8: $\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)}$, is join graphs and form a perfect code, when $p > 2$.

Proof: Let the graph $G = \Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)}$

The order of the graph $|V(\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)})|$ is odd

We know that $V(\Gamma(Z_{2p})) = \{2, 4, \dots, 2(p-1), p\} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-1}\}$ and $V(\Gamma(Z_9)) = \{3, 6\} = \{v_1, v_2\}$.

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Therefore, $|V(\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)})| = p+1$ and $|E(\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)})| = 3p-1$

From Theorem, 4.1.1, C is a Perfect code.

Example 3.9: Consider a join zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_{2(3)}) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)}$

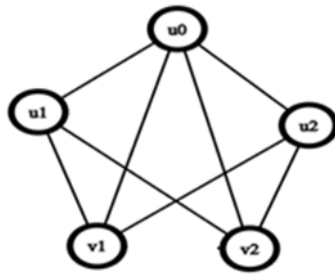
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The edge set of $E(\Gamma(Z_6) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)}) = \{u_0u_1, u_0u_2\} \cup \{u_0v_1, u_0v_2, u_1v_2, u_2v_1\} \cup \{v_1v_2\}$

Therefore, $|V(\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)})| = 5$ and $|E(\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)})| = 9$

The join zero divisor graph $\Gamma(Z_6) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)}$ is



Join graph $\Gamma(Z_6) + \overline{\Gamma(Z_9)}$, Fig 4.1.4

From the graph, the code length is 5 and $d = 2t+1$, odd distance; $t = [(d-1)/2] = 4/2 = 2$

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IV. Conclusions

Constructed perfect codes on star graphs and join graphs. If exists,

1. $\Gamma(Z_{2p})$, is star graph and it forms a perfect code, when $p > 2$.
2. $\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_p^2)$, is a join graphs forms a perfect code, when $p > 2$.
3. $\Gamma(Z_{2p}) + \Gamma(Z_p^2)$, is a join graph and forms a perfect code, when $p > 2$.

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